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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2010.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-13, 15 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-9 and 14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to an amendment filed on February 16, 2010. There are sixteen claims pending and ten claims under consideration. Claims 11-13, 15 and 16 have been withdrawn. This is the second action on the merits.

Withdrawn Rejections/Objections

Applicant is notified that any outstanding rejection/objection that is not expressly maintained in this office action has been withdrawn or rendered moot in view of applicant's amendments and/or remarks.

Claim Objections

Claim 9 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 9 is objected to for containing non-elected subject matter within the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 3 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim 3 is dependent on claim 1 and it fails to further limit the subject matter of claim 1.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-9 and 14 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory anticipatory-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,307,172 (formerly application # 10/484,250) and 7,501383 (formerly application # 10/590,368). Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from

each other because Claim 1 of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,307, 172 and 7,501383 embrace the instant claims 1-9 and 14.

Applicants requested this rejection be withdrawn in view of MPEP 822.01. However, the current application was NOT the earlier filed of the copending applications. Now two of those applications have issued as patents, therefore the rejection is no longer provisional. The other two applications previously rejected (10/589,876 and 10/589,953) have since been withdrawn due to claim amendments which altered the scope of the claims.

Applicant is advised that should claim 1 be found allowable, claim 3, which is a multiple dependent claim will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being in part, a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim 3 is a dependent claim which depends from claim 1. Claim 3 does not further limit the subject matter in claim 1. In addition, it is noted that Claim 3 actually may “broaden” claim 1. Claim 3 recites in its definition for R², “...where the carbon chains *may be* substituted by one to three groups R^c...” (emphasis added). Claim 1 recites in its definition for R², “...where the carbon chains *are* substituted by one to three groups R^c...” (emphasis added). Claim 1 states that the R² groups are substituted while in claim 3 it appears as though it is optional. This would permit the carbon chains to be unsubstituted which would be a broadening of claim 1. This is not permitted. It is

recommended that the applicants remove the claim 1 dependency from claim 3 and correct the text so that it does not broaden the claim. No new matter permitted. Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

Claim 1-9 and 14 are rejected.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey H. Murray whose telephone number is 571-272-9023. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. 7:30-6pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisors, Mr. James O. Wilson can be reached at 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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